

Summer 2015 Recommended Reading List
Rising Twelfth Grade
2015-2016

Non-Fiction Books

Behnke, Alison. *Up for Sale: Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery*

Looks at human trafficking in the modern world, including its types of victims and steps taken to combat it.

Charleyboy, Lisa & Mary Beth Leatherdale. *Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native American Voices*

Looks at over fifty emerging and established contemporary Native American artists.

Ebrahem, Zak. *The Terrorist's Son: A Story of Choice*

An extraordinary story, never before told: The intimate, behind-the-scenes life of an American boy raised by his terrorist father—the man who planned the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

Johnson, Steven. *How We Got to Now: Six Innovations That Made the Modern World*

Explores the history of innovation over centuries, tracing facets of modern life (refrigeration, clocks, and eyeglass lenses, to name a few) from their creation by hobbyists, amateurs, and entrepreneurs to their unintended historical consequences.

Kuklin, Susan. *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out*

Six teens tell what it is like for them to be members of the transgender community

Leonard, Christopher. *The Meat Racket: The Secret Takeover of America's Food Business*

The American supermarket seems to represent the best in America: abundance, freedom, choice. But that turns out to be an illusion. The rotisserie chicken, the pepperoni, the cordon bleu, the frozen pot pie, and the bacon virtually all come from four companies.

Morgan, Genevieve. *Undecided: Navigating Life and Learning after High School*

Discusses the various available options including training programs, community college, military service, four-year universities, and gap years.

McGuire, Kara. *The Teen Money Manual: A Guide to Cash, Credit, Spending, Saving, Work, Wealth, and More*

Provides financial advice to teenagers, covering employment, insurance, and spending, saving, and investing money.

Nye, Bill. *Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation*

Bill Nye examines evolution and related topics and issues, such as race, genetically modified foods, and new species.

Reber, Deborah. *Doable: The Girls' Guide to Accomplishing Just About Anything*

This empowering guide shows how to tackle your to-dos with confidence and enthusiasm so that you can transform anxiety into accomplishment.

Ross, Richard. *Girls in Justice*

While the number of youth in the juvenile justice system has steadily declined, girls are a growing share of youth arrested, detained and committed.

Sides, Hampton. *In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette*

A dramatic account of the ill-fated 19th-century naval expedition to the North Pole

Fiction Books

Doerr, Anthony. *All the Light We Cannot See*

A blind Parisian girl and an orphaned German boy conscripted by the Nazis for his radio skills meet in the chaos of the American bombing of a French coastal resort.

DeWoskin, Rachel. *Blind*

After a horrific accident leaves her blind, fifteen-year-old Emma, one of seven children, eagerly starts high school as a sophomore, and finds that nearly everything has changed--sometimes for the better.

Kidd, Sue Monk. *The Invention of Wings*

Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household.

Kuehn, Stephanie. *Complicit*

Cate Henry needs her little brother to know the truth about their past. A truth she's kept hidden for years. A truth she's not supposed to tell.

LaMarche, Una. *Like No Other*

Even though their relationship is forbidden, an Hasidic Jewish woman and a fun-loving, book-smart nerd develop a relationship after being trapped together in an elevator during a hurricane.

Levine, James. *Bingo's Run*

The ultimate hustler, Bingo uses his brains and charm to run drugs in a Kenyan slum, but after witnessing a murder he finds himself an art dealer, an adoptee, and someone caught in a dangerous moral dilemma.

Ng, Celeste. *Everything I Never Told You*

The daughter of a Chinese American family is found dead, turning the family's lives upside down.

Quintero, Isabel. *Gabi, A Girl in Pieces*

Sixteen-year-old Gabi Hernandez chronicles her senior year in high school as she copes with her friend Cindy's pregnancy, friend Sebastian's coming out, her father's meth habit, her own cravings for food and cute boys, and especially, the poetry that helps forge her identity.

Racculia, Kate. *Bellweather Rhapsody*

A young music prodigy goes missing from a hotel room that was the site of an infamous murder-suicide fifteen years earlier, renewing trauma for a bridesmaid who witnessed the first crime.

Scalzi, John. *Lock In*

A virus leaves millions as "Hakens"—locked in and fully aware, but unable to move or speak except when linked to androids. Chris is one of them, working as a rookie FBI agent hunting a murderer who is targeting Hakens.

Smith, Andrew. *100 Sideways Miles*

Finn Easton, sixteen and epileptic, struggles to feel like more than just a character in his father's cult-classic novels with the help of his best friend, Cade Hernandez, and first love, Julia, until Julia moves away.